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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8334**  
Teruto HIROTA et al. : Docket No. 2000\_0660A  
Serial No. 09/580,601 : Group Art Unit 2131  
Filed May 26, 2000 : Examiner Michael R. Vaughan

A SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD, PLAYBACK  
APPARATUS, RECORDING APPARATUS, PLAYBACK  
METHOD, RECORDING METHOD, AND COMPUTER-  
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows: